



Kamalani Academy

June 18, 2015

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Kamalani Partners

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- Hawai‘i Arts Alliance
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What is Arts Integration?

Arts Integration is
an **APPROACH** to **TEACHING**
in which students
construct and demonstrate
UNDERSTANDING
through an
ART FORM.

Students engage in a
CREATIVE PROCESS
which **CONNECTS**
an art form and another subject area
and meets
EVOLVING OBJECTIVES
in both.

21st Century Classrooms

Ability to apply knowledge across disciplines and dispositions

Courage

Culture

Community

Critical Thought

Collaboration

Compassion

Content

Curiosity

Communication

Creativity

Critical Links (2002)

Champions of Change (1999)

“All students are artists.”

(Nathan, 2012)



Parent Interest Meetings

April 8, May 18, August 3



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Marketing and Communication

- Website
- Direct Mail
- Newspaper
- TV
- Radio
- Social Media



Hawai'i Kai



Mahalo nui loa!

www.kamalani.net

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A Proposed New Arts Integrated Charter School In The Hawai'i Kai Area!

"The arts can no longer be treated as a frill... Arts education is essential to stimulating the creativity and innovation that will prove critical for young Americans competing in a global economy."

– Arne Duncan, Secretary, United States Department of Education

What is Kamalani Academy?

- It is a public charter school using Arts Integration curriculum, governed by an independent board. Kamalani Academy is slated to open for the 2016/2017 school year and offer grades K-8. It is completely free, thereby offering private school quality education at public school pricing!
- Kamalani Academy will use various forms of art to engage students to collaboratively solve creative challenges and learn strategies they can use the rest of their lives

Elementary, Grades K-5

25 students per class with one teacher and part-time Instructional Assistant

Core Classes

Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies

Specials

Music, Art, Stage and Theater, Dance and Movement, Instruments/Band, Media Production, PE, Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese Mandarin

Middle School, Grades 6-8

30 students per class with one teacher and one part-time Instructional Assistant

Core Classes

Math, Reading, English, Science, Social Studies/Geography, PE/Health/Technology

Specials/Electives

Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese Mandarin, Orchestra/Guitar/Band, Visual Arts, Computer/



Technology, Stage and Theater with Musical Theater, Dance and Movement, Media Production, Intervention

What is a charter school?

- Public school of choice. Charter schools operate with freedom from some of the regulations that are imposed on district schools. Charter schools are held accountable for academic results, just like other Hawaii schools, and for the promises made in their charters. Public charter schools are funded with tax dollars and are governed by an independent board of directors.

What is Arts Integration?

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and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both."

– Lynne B. Silverstein and Sean Layne

- It enables students to express themselves in ways conventional disciplinary learning does not allow.
- Learning through arts enhances a child's ability to embrace teachings through drama, visual arts, music and dance. This allows a student to have new knowledge resonate within them in a way that appeals to them; whether visual, musical, or physical. Arts Integration allows Kamalani Academy to teach students in ways that personally connect to each individual child to provide deeper meaning and understanding in the education they are receiving.
- This approach is meant to foster curiosity, vision and critical thinking to surmount obstacles and solve problems by stimulating the full body,

not just the brain. This method is called whole child learning, through active movement, involvement and group work. This type of learning connects a child's brain with his or her heart and body.

- This style of teaching allows for more collaborative teaching methods which help develop a child's social skills at young ages by creating a strong sense of community in the classroom and in the school

Proven Success

- Kamalani Board member Dr. Jamie Simpson Steele, associate professor at University of Hawaii at Mānoa, College of Education, conducted research to understand how school-wide arts integration in schools impacts student success. The subject matter for her research was based on Pomaika'i Elementary School on Maui, currently using an Arts Integrated curriculum. Her research was conducted through qualitative and quantitative methods including test scores, school records, surveys, focus groups, and interviews of students, parents and teachers. Results of





this research note that students who attended the school for at least four years demonstrated success in the following areas:

- Academic mindsets – arts helped students cultivate persistence, experience belonging, and develop an intrinsic value for learning with respect to academic goals
- Learning strategies – arts integrated learning enabled students to understand and remember concepts through visualization, various ways of engaging content and creative problem solving.
- Social skills – teaching inter-personal behaviors though cooperation, assertion and empathy. Arts Integrated curriculum was responsible for graduates' high level of self-confidence, capacity for positive connections with peers and teachers, and advanced abilities to communicate effectively.

Governance

For more information on board members visit www.kamalani.net/governance

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**A New Arts Integrated Curriculum Charter School
Proposed for the Hawai'i Kai Area!**

**Kamalani is a Tuition-Free
Public Charter School Featuring An Arts
Integrated Curriculum. Kamalani is planning
for Grades K-8 opening Fall 2016.**

**Kamalani Academy is modeled after Doral
Academy of Nevada, a 5-Star, Accredited
Arts Integration Charter School. Visit
www.doralacademynv.org to learn more.**

**Please see www.kamalani.net for
more information about school plans,
curriculum and governance.**

Subject: Support kamalani Academy

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 11:09:55 AM Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time

From: Aesthetics By Dara

To: info@spcsc.hawaii.gov

Aloha!

My family and I are writing in support of Kamalani Academy. We were fortunate enough to witness a presentation and are excited for our children to be a part of this incredible organization. We believe that Kamalani will have a profound positive impact on the people and future of Hawaii and its people and we are excited to be able to offer our children this incredible opportunity.

Thank you for your support,
David and Dara Woodward
Sent from my iPhone



Hawaii State Charter School Commission
1111 Bishop St., Suite 516
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha,

The Waikiki Hawaiian Civic Club (WHCC) is a chartered member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs since 1964. WHCC is dedicated to the promotion and perpetuation of traditional native Hawaiian values and practices and has a long history of involvement in diverse areas including native health, education, and the environment. It has also been involved with several Hawaiian language immersion projects relating to native language and cultural practices.

We are writing to express our support for the Kamalani Academy charter school application, of which cultural diversity is an important component. The Civic Club has worked with the Hawaiian Studies Faculty at the University of Hawaii-Manoa and foster families in conducting workshops in imu, fish, and salt preparation, taro cultivation, and uses of the coconut and kukui plants. Our community service has included events at the Royal Mausoleum, Mauna Ala, providing toiletries to various groups, and awarding educational scholarships. The Club will continue with these kinds of activities, educating the public in Hawaiian practices and culture and contributing to the community. We look forward to partnering with this new school in providing its students with cultural experiences like these.

If there is anything else you would like to know regarding our interest in supporting and working with Kamalani Academy, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Letoto-Ohata". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lisa Letoto-Ohata
President
Waikiki Hawaiian Civic Club
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